

## DECLARATION



I, the undersigned, Takenori Suzuki, of c/o T. Kimura Patent Office, Sendai Building, 8-11, Minato 1-chome, Chuo-ku, Tokyo, Japan, declare:

1. That I am well acquainted with the English and Japanese languages and competent to translate from Japanese into English and vice versa.
2. That U. S. patent application serial number 09/484,424 was filed claiming priority under 35 U.S.C. Section 119 for Japanese patent application no. 10652/1999 filed on January 19, 1999.
3. That the Japanese patent application no. 10652/1999 is substantially identical with the U. S. patent application serial number 09/484,424; only differences between these two applications are that: the word, "Fig. 1" on page 8, lines 22 and 25 of the specification in the said U.S. application is replaced with the word, "figure(s)" on the corresponding portions of the specification in the said Japanese application, and differences that are created to meet formality differences required by the U.S. PTO and the Japanese Patent Office.

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